Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

In the first place there was no such communal feeling. In the second place, Government thought it is not proper to deprive any man of the right conferred upon him by law. So Government did not interfere.

Mr. C. A. KUNJUNNI RAJA.

Why does the Government adopt different policies at different times, and is there not a settled policy with regard to it?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

There is no settled policy. We know that.

The policy does not remain permanent.

A State Bank in the State.

Mr. LONAPPAN CHAKKOLA.

273. (a) Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a report of the Committee appointed by the Government to report upon the need and facilities for a State Bank in the State?

(b) Will the Government be pleased to state what steps have been taken by the Government in pursuance of the said Committee's report?

(c) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it intends to start a State or State-aided Bank in the near future?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) Copy of the report is available in the Council Library.

(b) Government have deferred the consideration of the question.

(c) Not at present.

Realisation of the loans to the Tanneries.

Mr. LONAPPAN CHAKKOLA.

274. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

i. Whether it has taken steps, and if so, what, to realise the amounts that have been lent to the Tanneries at Chalakkudi;

ii. Whether the Government hopes to realise the amount so lent, and if so, when would they be realised?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

i No legal steps have been taken.

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ii. The loans have been granted on sufficient security. Government are waiting to see if the recovery could not be made without requiring the company to go into liquidation.

The supply and sale of two-pie Anchal Stamps.

Mr. K. T. MATHEW.

275. Will the Government be pleased to mention:—

(a) The cost of printing and getting two-pies Anchal stamps annually in the last three years;

(b) The amount realised by the Government in selling those stamps after paying the sale commission;

(c) The name of the firm from or through whom the stamps are received;

(d) Whether there is any agreement with that firm for supplying the Government with stamps for any definite period;

(e) The terms of agreement, if there is an agreement?

Mr. P. DAMODARA MENON.

(a) The stamps are generally got down to last for a period of 3 years or more, and payment is made after counting and bringing them to stock. The quantity required for a particular year is not, therefore, got down in the same year, and the quantity issued in the year will not generally be what was received in the year. The quantity brought to stock and the price paid for the last 3 years are shown below :—

Year.	*Quantity stocked.*	*Price paid.*
1098.	Nil	Nil
1099.	5,000 sheets.	Rs. 2,200
1100.	6,004 ,,	Rs. 2,641—12—2

(b)	*Quantity sold.*	*Amount realised.*
1098.	8,741 ½ sheets.	Rs. 4,152— 3—5
1099.	7,226 ½ ,,	Rs. 3,432— 9—5
1100.	3,974 ½ ,,	Rs. 1,887—14—5

(c) Messrs. John Dickinson & Co., Ltd., London.

(d) No.

(e) No answer is required.

The inadequate salary of the low-paid servants of the State.

Mr. M. KRISHNA MENON.

276. Will the Government be pleased to state whether Government are aware that the cost of living has increased enormously since the Great War?

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